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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear F.D.A.:

We would like to comment on reducing egg borne diseases because of the large number of people who suffer illnesses and death as a result of contaminated eggs.

We believe the first thing to do is to prohibit the forced molting of egg-laying hens. Scientific studies have proven that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. Molting involves intentionally starving hens for up to 14 days and is a disgusting practice. It is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and humans who eat eggs.

We feel putting warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures is not enough. The FDA has jurisdiction to ban forced molting, since it is hazardous to human health.

Forced molting is bad for humans and chickens!

Humanely,

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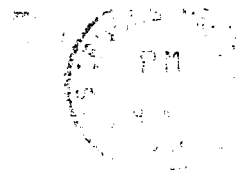
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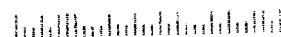
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